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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATIONCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450Re: Application of **Dino BONGINI** entitled**A LAUNDRY WASHING AND/OR DRYING MACHINE, IN
PARTICULAR OF THE FRONT LOADING TYPE, WITH LOWER
HOUSING**Assignee: **MERLONI ELETTRODOMESTICI S.P.A.**Our Ref. **Q80770**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 15 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and 4 sheets of drawings.

Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and executed Assignment with PTO Form 1595 will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>21</u>	-	20	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$18.00</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$770.00</u>

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Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Sunday, the filing of this application on Monday, March 29, 2004 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority and still considered timely filed.



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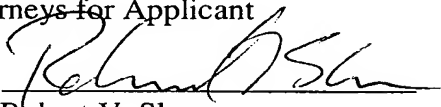
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
ITALY	TO2003A000236	March 28, 2003

The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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